

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 22-27 are presently alive in the case. Claims 1-21 have been canceled.

Claims 18-21 have been rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting. Claims 18-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Camus et al. (U.S. 6,021,210).

Claims 18-21 have been canceled by this amendment. Accordingly, the double patenting rejection is rendered moot.

The rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) of Claims 18-21 over Camus et al. is rendered moot by the cancellation of these claims.

It is respectfully submitted that newly added Claims 22-27 distinguish from and are neither anticipated nor rendered obvious over Camus et al. Each of Claims 22-27 recite, in combination, a generating control signal for individually controlling light-receiving timings of light-receiving cells of an area image sensor on the basis of the timing signals from a timing signal generator. This feature is neither disclosed nor taught, motivated or suggested by Camus et al. Camus et al. do not connect a control signal generator to the pixels 23. Thus, Camus et al. cannot attain high-level image processing as can the claimed invention.

Accordingly, entry of the amendments and allowance of the application is respectfully solicited.

Should the examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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